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- 1. Fawzi Qawuqji has stated that most of his headquarters staff has been discharged in order to make room for more qualified officers who will be arriving shortly. To make it easier on the discharged officers, Qawuqji said that he had simply discharged the entire headquarters with a view to starting over again from scratch. He has already hired back, on a confidential basis, the few officers and clerical personnel whom he desires to keep.
- Source states that Qawuqji appears to be in the best of spirits and that his residence is full of people and has the air of a busy headquarters.
- 3. Although major moves which would precede the actual turnover of responsibility for the Palestine fighting to dawuqji have not been noted at Syrian Army headquarters, large scale personnel changes have occurred at junior officer levels. Questionnaires have been circulated among junior officers, asking whether or not they intend to stay in the army permanently as a career, whether or not they would consider off ring their services for fighting in Palestine "on some basis other than through regular military service," and similar questions.
- 4. Syrian Army headquarters is undergoing adjustments incident to arranging such transfers as would be necessary to activate the irregular army as planned.

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